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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 375)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the revocation of certain privileges upon
- 2 conviction of a littering offense, and making penalties
- 3 applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 318.6, Code 2021, is amended by adding
- 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. In addition to any other punishment
- 4 provided by this section, a person found guilty of violating
- 5 section 318.3, subsection 6, is subject to punishment provided
- 6 in section 461A.43, subsection 2.
- 7 Sec. 2. Section 321.369, Code 2021, is amended to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 321.369 Putting debris on highway.
- 10 1. A person shall not throw or deposit upon a highway any
- 11 glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage,
- 12 rubbish, litter, offal, or any other debris. A person shall
- 13 not throw or deposit upon a highway a substance likely to
- 14 injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon the highway. A
- 15 person who violates this section or section 321.370 commits a
- 16 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section
- 17 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph "d".
- 18 2. In addition to any other punishment provided by this
- 19 section, a person found guilty of violating this section or
- 20 section 321.370 is subject to punishment provided in section
- 21 461A.43, subsection 2.
- Sec. 3. Section 455B.364, Code 2021, is amended to read as
- 23 follows:
- 24 455B.364 Penalty.
- 25 Any person violating the provisions of section 455B.363,
- 26 upon conviction, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. The
- 27 court, in lieu of or in addition to any other sentence imposed,
- 28 may direct and supervise a labor of litter gathering. In
- 29 addition to any other punishment provided by this section, a
- 30 person found guilty of violating section 455B.363 is subject to
- 31 punishment provided in section 461A.43, subsection 2.
- 32 Sec. 4. Section 461A.43, Code 2021, is amended to read as
- 33 follows:
- 34 461A.43 Littering grounds.
- 35 l. No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter, or

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- 1 foreign substance in any area or receptacle except those
- 2 provided for that purpose.
- 3 2. In addition to any other punishment provided by law, if
- 4 a person is found guilty of violating this section, section
- 5 318.3, subsection 6, section 321.369, 321.370, or 455B.363, the
- 6 natural resource commission may immediately take all of the
- 7 following actions:
- 8 a. Suspend any hunting, fishing, or trapping license, tag,
- 9 permit, or stamp issued to the person under Title XI, subtitle
- 10 6, for a period of up to one year from the date of conviction.
- 11 The commission shall only issue a new license, tag, permit, or
- 12 stamp to the person if the license, tag, permit, or stamp is
- 13 not valid until after one year from the date of conviction.
- 14 b. Prohibit the person from camping or using rental
- 15 facilities or other special privileges at state parks and
- 16 recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department for a
- 17 period of up to one year from the date of conviction. A person
- 18 who violates a prohibition under this paragraph is subject to
- 19 punishment under section 461A.57.
- 20 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 23 This bill relates to the revocation of certain privileges
- 24 upon conviction of a littering offense.
- 25 Current law prohibits littering on highway rights-of-way,
- 26 highways, waters and lands of the state, and areas under
- 27 control of the natural resource commission. Punishment for
- 28 a littering violation is specific to where the littering
- 29 occurred. In addition to any punishment imposed by law, the
- 30 bill provides that the commission may immediately suspend any
- 31 hunting, fishing, or trapping license, tag, permit, or stamp
- 32 issued to a person convicted of a littering offense for a
- 33 period of up to one year from the date of the conviction. The
- 34 bill also authorizes the commission to prohibit the person
- 35 convicted of a littering offense from camping or using rental

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- 1 facilities or other special privileges at state parks and
- 2 recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department of
- 3 natural resources for a period of up to one year from the date
- 4 of conviction. A person who is prohibited from camping or
- 5 using rental facilities or other special privileges pursuant
- 6 to the bill who violates the prohibition is guilty of a simple
- 7 misdemeanor under Code section 461A.57. A simple misdemeanor
- 8 is punishable by confinement for no more than 30 days and a
- 9 fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855.